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"Won't you give a shilling to the Lord?" said a Salvation Army girl to an aged Scotsman.

"How auld are ye, Lassie?" he inquired of her.

"Nineteen, Sir."

"Ah, weel, I'm past seventy-five. I'll be seeing 'im afore you, so I'll hand it to 'im myself."

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A young girl was taking a swim in a secluded lake. Suddenly she spotted a young boy tying knots in her clothes. Swimming to the bank, she grabbed an old tub as a shield and advanced angrily on the youngster. "Young man," she snapped, "do you know what I'm thinking?" "Yup," said the boy. "You think there's a bottom in that tub."

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☛ **DEAR JOE:** I am again subbing for **Hon. Ed Breen**, that widely known maestro of the air and the skipper of KVFD (that should put me on the inside track). Yep, it's **Ken Peterson** again. I got by with the YLFH without too many complaints last week, that is local complaints. At least two people came in and said it was a fair job. The complainants we had to sidetrack and I got out the back door to the wide open spaces . . . G-I report No. 1: Ye Honorable Ed has made some progress painting his shack at 1715 Third Avenue North. Man, he sure swings a mean brush. But frankly, he should stick to shooting the breeze over the ether . . . G-I report No. 2: We go back to the juvenile world of Fort Dodge. Those two bobby-soxers who got the hack saw blades into the jail to Kenneth Worrick and Frank Grell, Jr., made the news again. Remember, Iola Wertz, 16, and Darlene Breeden, 15, were paroled for their part in the boys' jail break. But while still detained at the detention home, they too, tried to make a break to liberty. They knocked out the glass pane in a window and shoved out the screen just as the police arrived and collared them. That was the finishing touch as far as **Judge John M. Schaupp** was concerned and now the bobby-soxers are confined in the girls' training school at Mitchellville . . . We have had lots of rain in the past week plus hot and cool weather. The other morning the mercury at 7 a. m. was down to 58 degrees. The showers have delayed the small grain harvest about the county. There are only a few fields of corn, that tall variety known all over the world, near normal. Replanted fields are progressing favorably and should be out of frost danger this fall, we hope . . . Fort Dodge was the scene of a very impressive ceremony the night of Aug. 9. It was then **Major General Robert B. Williams**, commanding officer of the 2nd Air Force, headquartered at Colorado Springs, Colo., presented the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award, to **Mrs. Evalyn Lindsey**, widow of the late **Capt. Darrell Lindsey**. Mrs. Lindsey is a Storm Lake girl and the late captain was the son of **Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lindsey**, of Fort Dodge. The ceremony was held at the First Presbyterian Church and Radio Station KVFD broadcast it through the Iowa Tall Corn network which saturates the state. **Rep. James Dolliver** was present and was one of the few who spoke at the ceremony . . . Doubtless all of you have heard all about the atomic bombs the USA is using against the Japs. It certainly caused a flurry of speculation about the city, and right on top of that news came the dope about the **Russians** declaring war on the Japs. It should boost the morale of each of you in the service, even more than ours here at home, for it means we will be greeting you here just that much sooner.

☛ **AROUND THE TOWN.** A Harvest Festival will be held in Fort Dodge the nights of Aug. 28th, 29th and 30th. Every Dodger will be in the role of host to all living outside of the city. There will be free entertainment for all featuring a musical extravaganza plus vaudeville acts of top-notch quality . . . Old records of defunct banks which have been stored in County Clerk **Joe F. Youngstrom's** vaults, have been given to the paper salvage committee. They weighed two tons . . . **Capt. Maurice S. Sheehy**, Chaplain U. S. N., visited his brother, **F. E. Sheehy**, here recently . . . Pairings for the city-wide tennis tourney have been announced by **Fred N. Cooper**, manager. The finals will be played Aug. 25th and 26th. Miss **Donna Peterson**, daughter of the late **Don Peterson**, who won the women's singles in 1944, has entered . . . Horseshoe tossers will hold an open tourney here Aug. 18th and 19th . . . Aug. 1st and with it came more eligible red and blue stamps—now for a few weeks of feasting and then "starvation"; but we like it . . . **Pfc. Robert O'Connor**, seriously wounded in action in Germany April 29th, has arrived home for a 30 day furlough. He later will report to the O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo. . . **Fire Chief R. H. Grant** is a bit irked by the numerous false alarms being turned in during the past few weeks . . . **Wa Tan Ye** members have voted \$5.00 a week to the **Army Mothers Canteen** at the Illinois Central Station . . . **Veterans of Foreign Wars** are going to have a benefit dance at **Expo park** Saturday, August 18th . . . A bathing beauty contest is underway at the city pool. Wonder who would like to be a judge? We'll let you know about the winners, you can be sure of that! . . . Five young Dodgers had a close call early Wednesday A. M. The car driven by **Larry Driscoll** smashed into the rail on the No. 7th Street bridge. All in the car were treated for cuts and bruises at the hospital. The others were **Don Jordison**, **Vere Walrod**, **Nick Pappas**, and **Don McKirchy**. In police court in the morning, Larry paid a \$100 fine for reckless driving . . . Say! **Steve Constantine** decided trying to get a dime for a cup of joe, java or more commonly known as coffee, was too much of a headache—so-o-o-o it's back to a nickle again . . . **Bancroft's Junior Legion** baseball team defeated **Mason City**, **Cedar Rapids** and **Waterloo** to win the state title once again. It's a habit! . . . **Dodger hunters** will get an 80-day season on waterfowl this fall. The season opens Sept. 20th . . . **Davenport's** semi-pro ball club defeated **Adel** to take the state honors . . . Tonight, Aug. 8th, the KVFD Theater of the air "Players" celebrated their first anniversary. A nice cake from the sponsor, **Weiss' grocery store**, was a feature.

☛ **OVER HERE.** Your card was fine **Pvt. Manly LaCaille** . . . T/3 **Edwin L. Knowles**, your letter was appreciated. So you have 102 points, 7 battle stars and 32 months overseas! Hope you get home soon. Be sure and drop in . . . Appearing in the "Kearns Post-Review's," July 31st edition, is a picture of none other than **Cpl. Eugene H. Curl**, formerly at the Fort Dodge postoffice. He made the "Voice of Opinion" column. You look mighty, mighty good, **Gene** . . . **Glenn H. Peterson**, F 1/c, now is stationed at Bremerton Navy Yard, Washington . . . **Pfc. Lyle O. Bloomquist** now is in Tacoma, Washington . . . **Clayton D. Chalstrom** is getting "boot" training at Great Lakes . . . **Tipton A. Tennant**, MM 1/c, is

back in the states as his ship, the USS Hornet, undergoes repairs on the west coast.

☛ **MORE HONORABLE DISCHARGEES.** T/3 **Harris Weideman** . . . Sgt. **Walter Peters** . . . Pfc. **Lloyd A. Cochran** . . . Pvt. **Melvin Messerly** . . . Pvt. **Leo V. Rolow** . . . Pfc. **Paul R. Reedy** . . . T/5 **Virgil C. Musselman** . . . S/Sgt. **John M. Gilligan** . . . **Edward Bradish**, Navy painter 1/c . . . T/5 **Vern C. Hughes** . . . **Cecil Hughes**, AMM 2/c . . . Pfc. **Hubert McMahon** . . . **Fred Vannoni**.

☛ **HOME TOWN MEN MAKE GOOD.** **Hamilton B. Garton** is now T/5 . . . **Wm. Hutchinson**, Pfc. to Cpl. . . **Lowell J. Thorsness**, WO (j. g.) to CWO . . . **Elmer Aurand**, Pfc. to T/5 . . . **Clarence G. Werling**, Cpl. to T/5 . . . **Vernon D. Cummings**, A/C to Lt. . . . **Virgil D. Cummings**, A/C to Lt. . . Now it's **Cpl. R. F. Black** . . . **David H. Thorsness**, Pfc. to Cpl. . . Bronze star for meritorious service to **Pfc. Richard Andrews**, now in France . . . Twice decorated for bravery is **Capt. W. C. Landgren**. He has just received an Oak leaf cluster for gallantry in action in lieu of a second silver star . . . Bronze star to **Major Howard Gamper** for meritorious service in Italy. The same award goes to **Capt. Julian Hogan** for combat service in Italy . . . T/5 **Hubert J. Heun** has been awarded the motor vehicle driver badge for excellent work in the South Pacific . . . Bronze star to **Pfc. Harold A. Bothe** for meritorious service . . . **Lawrence Bunda**, Pfc. to Cpl. . . **Raymond E. Black**, Pfc. to Cpl. . . **Lyle O. Bloomquist**, Pvt. to Pfc. . . **Dorothy J. Bornholt**, S 2/c to 1/c . . . **Lawrence J. Bunns**, Cpl. to Sgt. . . **Ralph E. Christenson**, Cpl. to Sgt. . . **Dale J. Stiles**, Pfc. to T/5 . . . **Willmer M. Kirkeby**, Cpl. to T/4 . . . **James Neil Brunson**, S 1/c to Cox'n . . . **Glen E. Flickinger**, Pvt. to Pfc. . . **Robert C. McLaury**, 2nd Lt., now Lt. . . **C. J. Pilcher**, Ensign to Lt. (j. g.) . . . **H. F. Brown**, EM 2/c to 1/c . . . **Roger E. Viers**, GM 3/c to 2/c . . . **Conrad J. Steib**, S 1/c, officially commended by skipper of USS Massachusetts . . . **Richard F. Dallam**, Cpt. to S/Sgt. . . **Henry R. Ottesen**, 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt. . . **Raymond Hill**, from Pfc. to Sgt. during the Okinawa battle. His Captain and 20 men were all that were left to receive the **Presidential Citation** which was given to Company L. Raymond and two others came thru without a scratch.

☛ **IT'S A SMALL WORLD.** S/Sgt. **Ross Tierney** and **Robert Desinger** met on an island out in the Pacific July 21st. Both have been in the service for over 3½ years, and they hadn't seen each other during that time . . . **Don G. Livasy**, MoMM 3/c, and **Harry W. Scharf**, F 1/c, met in the Philippines recently and had a real "bull" session . . . Three Dodgers are together on Luzon. They are S/Sgt. **Richard A. Johnson**, Sgt. **Alfred Jensen** and S/Sgt. **Hubert R. Hood** . . . Pfc. **Foster Funk** at Regensburg, Germany, ran onto a cousin, **Dick Clipperton**, whose home is at Jolley . . . S/Sgt. **Willard R. Schmidt** has been having a visit with **Raymond McCarville** on Guam. Raymond is the youngest son of **Ben McCarville**. Sarg. wants all Dodgers to look him up on Guam—19th E. Gp., 28th B. Sq. . . T/4 **Glen Farmer** saw **Gene Fallon** in a hospital at Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, in June. Glen, thanks for the koruna . . . Pfc. **Carol A. Sorlie** and F/O **Howard Lenning** are stationed only a mile apart in India and see each other often . . . Lt. (j. g.) **R. C. Larson** has met **Dick Jewell**, AMM 1/c, and Ensign **Dick Whitecomb** somewhere in the Pacific.

☛ **SPECIAL NOTICE.** **Pvt. Lenus Wieberg** in France: Keep your chin up, fellow. We know exactly how you feel for we have had the same thing while in the Navy. Remember one thing, the GI Joe is the guy who wins these wars for the USA. Drop us a line soon.

☛ **PACIFIC.** To **Ike**, **Cheezy**, and **Jake** aboard the USS Bunker Hill CV-17—We will tell the gals at the skating rink "hello" for you. Imagine they would rather have you fellows here, though. Glad to hear there are lots of Dodgers aboard your ship . . . 1st Lt. **D. W. Carlton**, Marine in Okinawa, called Miss **Ruth Russell** while he was at a rest camp in Hawaii recently. Cost of call, \$20.00. Lt. Carlton is credited with 2 Jap planes while in night combat, 2 planes on the ground, and one landing craft . . . Hello, **Walt Raven**, CM 2/c. I haven't seen you for a long time. We're saying "hello" to your friends here and at Webster City. Drop in when you get back.

☛ **BELGIUM.** It's one of the best places we've been in since we left the states," says **Pfc. Wilford Peterson** now stationed at Liege, Belgium. Bet he'd like to see Fort Dodge right now, regardless . . . Glad to hear from you **Pfc. Valde Peterson**. Hope you like it at Pfaffenhofen, Germany.

☛ **LA BELLE, FRANCE.** Sgt. **Carl A. Rumme** expects to be released from a hospital near Paris in a short time. He was injured in a jeep wreck May 29th. He says he wants to get to "Gay Paree" at least once while in Europe.

☛ **SUNNY ITALY.** **Cpl. R. R. Henderson**, glad to hear from you as you "sweat" it out in Italy. Sorry to learn you suffered from malaria. Thanks for the "It was great" about the picture layout . . . S/Sgt. **John Calisesi** phoned his folks from Rome saying he would be headed state-side soon.

☛ **DAS REICH.** Lt. **D. C. McMartin** writes from Germany. He heard **Mel Galliard** over the air recently . . . A V-mail letter from **Pfc. Don O'Connor**, in Germany, just about sizzles. He had a 4 day pass to Gay Paree . . . We just received a German canteen and cup from Lt. **Howard E. Spangler**, who is in Germany. Thanks, Howard.

☛ **WAR'S GRIM TOLL.** Sgt. **James J. Collins, Jr.**, 20, one of four A-26 fliers killed in a mid-air collision Aug. 3rd, near Florence, S. C.

☛ **SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA.** Kearns (Utah) Post-Review from **Capt. Eugene H. Curl**. Thanks a lot . . . S/Sgt. **Richard A. Johnson** sends us the "Roarin' 20's" from Luzon. It's fine, **Dick**, and now in our collection. We are looking for the picture of you and **J. H. Hood** . . . German SS patches just received from

Capt. J. E. Bice, now near Munich. Thanks, John . . . The Little Star, published in Belgium was received from Lt. Harold (Bud) Dessinger. Looks fine, Bud . . . Great Lakes Bulletin received from Mabel F. Leiss, SK 2/c, and we say thanks . . . "From the Beaches of the Baltic," the story of the 7th Armored Division, just in from T/5 Ned Ackerson. It's fine reading, Ned.

⊕ **DOWN THE MIDDLE AISLE.** Roberta A. Smead to S/Sgt. Robert E. Johnson, at Chicago, July 28th . . . Vernealle Harriss to Capt. Robert E. Whiting, in England, July 16th . . . Earlyne Shugart to Sgt. Mike Mori, in Fort Dodge, July 24th.

⊕ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** T/Sgt. E. R. Nesler, Jr., home after 22 months service in Europe . . . Cpl. Robert P. Metcalf home from Eglin Field, Fla. . . S/Sgt. Leo Casey, a 30 day furlough after 19 months in Europe . . . Just home from Italy is Pfc. George Belthius after 2½ years overseas . . . Richard S. Bennett, AMM 1/c, from Pacific . . . Sgt. Cecil Scott, 30 day furlough . . . Pvt. Edgar A. Licht, home recently, has reported to Camp Beale, Calif. . . Betty Koenig, SP (Q) 3/c, home for a visit . . . Cpl. Frank Valashek, Jr., gets 34 days . . . Lt. Herbert M. Smith, here on a brief leave . . . Capt. Everett W. Milner, Army Chaplain, home for 30 days . . . Lt. James Dickerson for 30 days . . . Pfc. Marvin Bowers, home from Germany for 30 days.

⊕ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** Cpl. Richard E. Johnston, APO 627, New York. "I just want to be one of the many that will undoubtedly highly laud that 'Roto Section' you so kindly enclosed in the 'YLFH.' With a vivid imagination (and believe me, this orient has developed a pip of a one in me) and that roto section, I feel practically at home—Well, much more than without the pictures. I do wish I could find the words to express my appreciation. To help clarify my seemingly childish elation over a few pictures of my home town, I might say I'm stationed in China. If you knew China like I know China, you'd say "nuff said." Since leaving the U. S. and becoming a refugee in old Cathay, I have traveled some 19,000 miles via boat, drove a truck over the Ledo & Burma road, train, etc. . . I have had some unforgettable experiences and seen things in India, Burma, and China that made me realize that the poet that wrote about a 'Utopia' wasn't off his nut at all—it's home. Any home any place as long as it's the good ole U. S. A. I never was much of a guy for 'Thanking God for my many blessings,' I never really knew what they were 'til I saw poverty in its lowest degree in India; women and kids fight over our half full slop pails in Burma; and pot-bellied, under-nourished, diseased children of China the same. If the average family of the U. S. could look around the corner of the planet we all live on and see how they would be living if on the other side, you'd see 130 million of the most eager beavers ever dreamed of. Thank you again for the grand photo section."

Sgt. Richard N. Smith, APO 331, New York. "First, I want to extend my thanks to you and all the sponsors of that swell paper. Those pictures were really swell and brought back many memories. You probably don't realize it, but I happen to be in one of those shots. The picture I am speaking about is the boat house in Loomis Park. That's me on the left standing at the landing waiting for the canoe to come in. The fellow in the canoe is Bob Kurtz (in France, last I heard.) If I'm not mistaken that picture was taken back in my civilian days, and was shown in the Des Moines Sunday Register. One of the Fantle family is in my outfit, and he got a big kick out of seeing "Fantles" in that street scene. There are a number of other fellows who live around Fort Dodge who are also benefiting from the sheet. It is being passed around, and I don't even know who has it now. After looking at the picture of "Tobin's" I had myself a Tobin Tenderized ham sandwich. I then proceeded to show everyone where it came from. Guess I had better get back to work now, Ed. Just thought I'd let you know, and the sponsors, how much I appreciate it.

Pfc. Virgil E. Jones, U. S. M. C., Fleet Post Office, San Francisco. "Just want to let you know how much I appreciate your photo-section of YLFH. I have been receiving the letter for quite some time now and really have enjoyed it. It really is a welcome sight no matter where you are. I am going to try and write Ron Wheat and Dick Lowrey as soon as possible. Have seen where there are quite a few Dodgers here but haven't got to them yet."

Pfc. Victor Maline, LeMars, France. "Have been getting YLFH every week, and Ed, the way you talk about what you do on holidays, like the 4th, etc., takes me right back to good old Fort Dodge. I like the letters and the book with the pictures was great. I showed it off to all the boys in camp—I'm mighty proud of my home town. There isn't anyone here from Fort Dodge; however, there are six boys from Iowa, which helps. I have had passes to Paris a number of times and am now looking forward to that pass to Fort Dodge. I thank you and the sponsors for the letters and roto.

Cpl. A. K. Noland, Berlin, Germany. "Well, someone from old Fort Dodge finally made it to Berlin, but that's about all I can say for it. The center part just isn't. There are square miles of business and apartment sections that are nothing but heaps of bricks and twisted steel. The Germans will never be able to rebuild it, it isn't possible. They would do better if they moved the site of the cities as none of this burned stuff is fit to use again, they can't even use the foundations. The people here are beaten to their knees, there's not a bit of fight left in them. The Russians have them to the point of starvation, and I believe they'll think twice before they start another mess. Say, that Roto-section was on the ball. It is one of the nicest things I have received since coming over here sixteen months ago. I haven't as yet seen any fellow Fort Dodgers. My only hope is that you put another one in one of your coming YLFH. I shall look forward to it.

Cpl. Thomas J. Paris, Okinawa. I just finished reading my latest copy of YLFH and really enjoyed it. Especially the pictures of "Ye Auld Fort Dodge and Vicinity." I thought I'd write and say it's one of the best ideas you have had so far. If it wasn't for the rain, mud and mosquitoes, this island wouldn't be too bad. I'm on the look-out for any Fort Dodgers, but so far haven't run onto any. The natives of this island are very few, but of the few I've seen, they make their living from the land they farm. The only place possible for fishing is the ocean. Haven't seen any rivers, or wild game, but then we aren't here for a vacation. It doesn't compare to Iowa, though. I'll close this by saying keep the old home town rolling, and the letters coming. They are greatly appreciated.

Capt. A. R. Ricke, APO 589, New York. The "letter" of July 14th arrived yesterday and needless to say it was superb. No longer need we Fort Dodgers argue long into the night about the beauties of our fair city. We now have the proof—thanks to "Home Town." Mary is now the leading pin-up of our operations block—and, as those who have been over here too long said as they saw the picture "cor-Blimey!" Thanks a million for a swell feature. Our group is one of those that has been selected to form a part of the

Occupational Air Force; as Squadron Operations Officer, I am going to move over with them and sweat out a replacement. I have points, almost 120, and all the other necessary requirements except that elusive replacement (If you know of some one who would care to become Ops. officer for the fighting 339th, just let them contact me.) I am enclosing some pictures taken during combat last fall that might be of interest to you. Their history is written on the back of each picture. I'll try to get you some souvenirs from Germany, France and Switzerland. England—and especially London is almost deserted now—as far as Yanks are concerned. (The girls are complaining already.) Our contact with the German people so far has convinced us that they are not too fond of flying personnel—and 8th Air Force boys in particular. The damage which the heavy bombers inflicted on Germany is almost unbelievable. We don't know when we'll be moving—so keep YLFH coming.

Pfc. John W. Brown, Marseille, France. First of all I want to thank you for the many, many copies of YLFH, they have done a magnificent job of accomplishing their purpose of raising a fellow's morale. My first letter of thanks was prompted by the receipt of the beautiful rotogravure accompanying the last issue. No doubt a lot of time, work and money went into this piece. Every person who was the least bit responsible for its production is deserving of a personal vote of thanks by every G. I. who received it. It was swell. Probably needless for me to tell you that Marseilles is a beehive of activity due to the redeployment program. These staging areas around here are just like small cities. I hate, in my first letter, to do any griping, but having been over here and in Africa, sweating out all kinds of things, I feel I am justified, being aware of your knowledge of legislation, to ask, "isn't there anything they can do about the strikes in the States?" Ed, the boys over here have done a swell job of polishing off the Krauts. Some of them will never come back, others will come back physically and mentally crippled for life. Back there, people like yourself and associates have undoubtedly spent hours upon hours of extra work, with no monetary reward. What for? To help the boys in the service feel a little closer to home, and to raise their morale. But some 60,000 strikers in B-29 factories decide we aren't worth it. They are not only prolonging the war, but are daily costing thousands of lives out there. If those people aren't guilty of murder then I give up. Ed, you would be surprised to know the number of civilians being sent over here drawing as high as \$650 per month plus \$150 subsistence, to come over here and tell G. I.'s how to do a job they've been doing expertly for the past year. Confidentially, it stinks. Those civilians going back will take up the travel space that some crippled lonesome G. I. could use. So much for the crabbing. The weather is terrifically hot now. In fact, I don't believe it was any worse than this in Africa. Remember the old saying around Iowa "it isn't the heat it's the humidity." In closing, Ed, I want you to know that your work is being rewarded daily. Rest assured that each issue is worth as much as a night long dream of home.

T/5 Elmer Aurand, Ried, Austria. I just received my booklet of snapshots or highlights from good old Fort Dodge. It's surely swell! I want to thank you all heaps. I want to thank you all for these fine letters I've received all along! They've been swell! I just got back from a three day pass to Paris, spent it with my brother, Wayne. Hope all is well as ever there at home. Thanks again.

Capt. L. F. Smith, Berlin, Germany. Please note my change in APO and keep the YLFH coming. I am fortunate enough to be stationed here in Berlin after a complete tour of Germany. We were on the move so much that it is six weeks since I have had any mail. We took a tour of the city today and about all we saw was ruins of a once proud city. If there are any other Fort Dodgers here I wish they would contact me, through the Cavalry Group in the city—the 16th. Still hoping like millions of others that I get back to the states before Christmas.

Cpl. David H. Thorsness, APO 980, Seattle, Washington. Have been receiving YLFH very regularly, and have really enjoyed it. The letter from home keeps the fellows that are scattered out kind of kept up to date as to where all of our friends and neighbors are and what they are doing. There is nothing much new from the Aleutians. It is just the same old wind and weather. The fellow that wrote "High on a Windy Hill" must have gotten his inspiration from up here. We have plenty of wind and plenty of hills. At times there is really some beautiful scenery up here, but as far as I'm concerned they can give my share back to the Eskimos. I really enjoyed the little booklet of pictures of around Ft. Dodge very much. That shot of the Laramar Ballroom brought back sweet memories. I'll sure be glad to be back there. In a couple of days it will be a year that I have been overseas. It doesn't seem that long but a furlough right now would look mighty good. Well, Ed, I would like to say "hello" to all the fellows from Vincent, especially the Nichols boys, Red Olsen and Don Adson. The Letter From Home is swell Ed, so keep up the good work.

Pvt. Roger L. Fevold, U. S. M. C., Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. I just today received my YLFH and you were more than right about the 13th. The roto section you sent is the best thing that has come my way in a long time. Believe me it's really good to see some of the old gang and the "old familiar places" again. You have every reason to be proud of the roto, and a lot of other fellows and myself will share your pride. Naturally all the other boys are proud of their home town, but now I have the proof in addition to verbal claims. In this manner I can cut short many arguments which would in all probability continue after taps. The time between taps and reveille is too short anyway. And letters from Sgt. Carl A. Rumme, in France; T/5 Stanley M. Elm, in Germany; T/5 Ned Ackerson, Germany; Pvt. Welden R. Peterson, Marine Corps, Guam; Pfc. Glen E. Flickinger; Russell J. Anderson, AMM 1/c, Guam; Pfc. William H. Williams, Guam; Verne D. Skogland, S 1/c, Hawaii; S/Sgt. Leo B. J. Pogeler, Paris; Cpl. Wilbur Peters, Okinawa; Louis J. Gargano, S 2/c; A/C Chuck Spence, Big Springs, Texas; Lester Larson, F 2/c. Wish we could carry all in full but space forbids. Anyhow, thanks to each and everyone of you.

Well, Joe and Joans, I am at the part of the letter I dislike the most. I honestly hate to have to say I am going to sign off for this time. However, there is another YLFH a-comin' up next week. So in parting I will tell you about a columnist's remark relative to the jail break of the juveniles. He commented on the fact that when any police officer goes into a cafe and orders cake or a piece of watermelon, the waitress yells: "With or without saws?" That's it! Roger, wilco and out!

Your home town correspondent subbing for Ed,
Ken Peterson.